

SHAFT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AL-V-A-054
Shaft, Maryland
1875

The Shaft United Methodist Church consists of a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block with church tower. The church was built in 1875 out of the development of the mining town of Shaft. Services were held in private homes or outdoors prior to building of the church as it was a part of worship circuit including Woodland, Carlos, Allegany and Shaft.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shaft United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection Shaft Road

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees Shaft Methodist Congregation

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Shaft

CITY, TOWN

Shaft

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 273

Folio #: 96

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaft United Methodist Church is located on the west side of the intersection of Shaft Road in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Shaft United Methodist Church is a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block which rests on a low stone foundation. The church is a frame structure that has been covered with novelty siding. The roof is gabled with a soffit and frieze and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The main facade is dominated by an enclosed, gable-roofed entranced porch. The porch is flanked by two lancet windows. Four stained glass windows with cornices ornament the building's north and south sides. The main facade is further emphasized by a small louvered belfry. A single, original, corbeled brick chimney is located at the outside end on the west side.

A substantial rear addition abuts the church on its west side. The building is covered in novelty siding and rests on a high stone foundation. It is topped by a hipped roof covered with asphalt roofing material. Windows in the structure are a combination of six over six lights and six over one lights.

Both the church and its rear addition are in fair condition and retain much of their original fabric and appearance.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shaft United Methodist Church was obtained by deed and built in 1875. Prior to this time the site and all of Shaft was part of a large estate farmed by slaves. By 1850 coal mining became important in the area and the small settlement of Shaft grew and developed directly from the production of the nearby mine. The settlement was first served by circuit riders consisting mostly of the Methodist faith. In the early service of the circuit riders, the meetings were held in private homes or out doors, evidenced by writings in an old Bible donated for use by Christian A. Robb 1867. By 1875, the congregation had built a meeting place and continued to be a part of the rural circuit including Woodland, Carlos, Allegany and Shaft. The church continues to be part of the Midland charge and is a reminder of a way of faith once found in Allegany County.

"Highlights in the History of the Shaft, Methodist Church" dedicated to William Walker

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .66 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/5/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-U-A-054

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DATE: 12/15/76

, 66 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Shaft United Methodist ChurchLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Intercession Shaft RdDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Truster Shaft Meth Congregation

ADDRESS: _____

Shaft M.D.STORIES: 1(☒) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: Front Entrance gable - Rear School Addn, Hip roofDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Louvered Tower

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings Novelty Siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Stained glass
Lancets Regular pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East
HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE(-) CORBELLED() original(☒) replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - church
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - 1875
Condition - Good

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Shaft-United Methodist Church

Shaft, M.D.

USGS - Frostburg Quad

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1949

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SECTION VII

FROSTBURG

(Separate Map)

Grahamtown

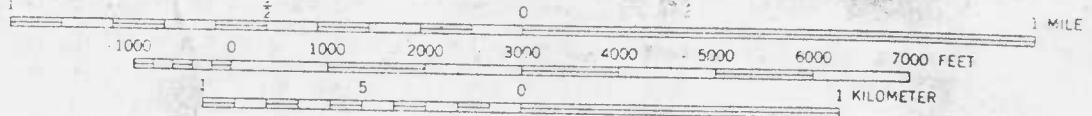
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Church

Shaft Rd.

Shaft

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SOUTHWEST



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Church

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